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Lewis Wells, His Grave Now Marked In Cemetery Near Du Quoin, Fought In Revolutionary War, Died At 96

In the McElvain Cemetery — Perry County's oldest — one will find two of the oldest grave markers anywhere in the area. They tell of the life and death of one of only two and possibly three known county Revolutionary War participants, Lewis Wells, and his five-month old grandson, Ephriam E. McElvain.

Lewis Wells was born in 1750, was a private in Colonel Brant's Company in South Carolina, applied for a pension in Perry County in 1832 and died in 1846 at the age of 96.

The long, hard hours of research on the part of one Mrs. M. E. Spurgeon, Pinckneyville tell of how in 1786 on June 30th Wells was paid six pounds, 17 shillings and 1½ pence "covering his claims against the state of South Carolina for service during the war."

The history tells of his 11 children, his wife, Elizabeth Bates, who was also born in 1750 and died at approximately the same age. It tells of his daughter — Kezia Wells — who married Robert McElvain, the name borne by the cemetery.

And should any Perry County resident bear the name Winters or Queen or Taylor, your ancestry may well trace back to that grave in that cemetery west of Du Quoin, off Rt. 152.

The Jackson County Historical Society and president, Mike Jones with the help of the Spurgeons, assistant Bert Hinchman and history enthusiast Rex Franklin, placed a more legible marker on Wells' grave Tuesday morning with the intent of preserving the county's oldest piece of human history.

Why the Jackson County Historical Society? Because Wells lived much of his later life in what was then northern Jackson County. In 1827 when Perry County was sanctioned, the northern six miles of Jackson County township were severed to form a portion of Perry County. The same was in part, of Jefferson, Williamson and Randolph Counties.

Two other Revolutionary War standardbearers are known. One is Leonard Lipe who lived during the same period near what used to be the Old Cherry Lake area. Records show that he specified that his body be laid to rest on his property. In the mid 1960's mining concerns plowed through that area, but moved a series of graves to a lot adjacent to the Nine-Mile Cemetery. It is believed that therein today lies that piece of history, yet unmarked.

Another Revolutionary War

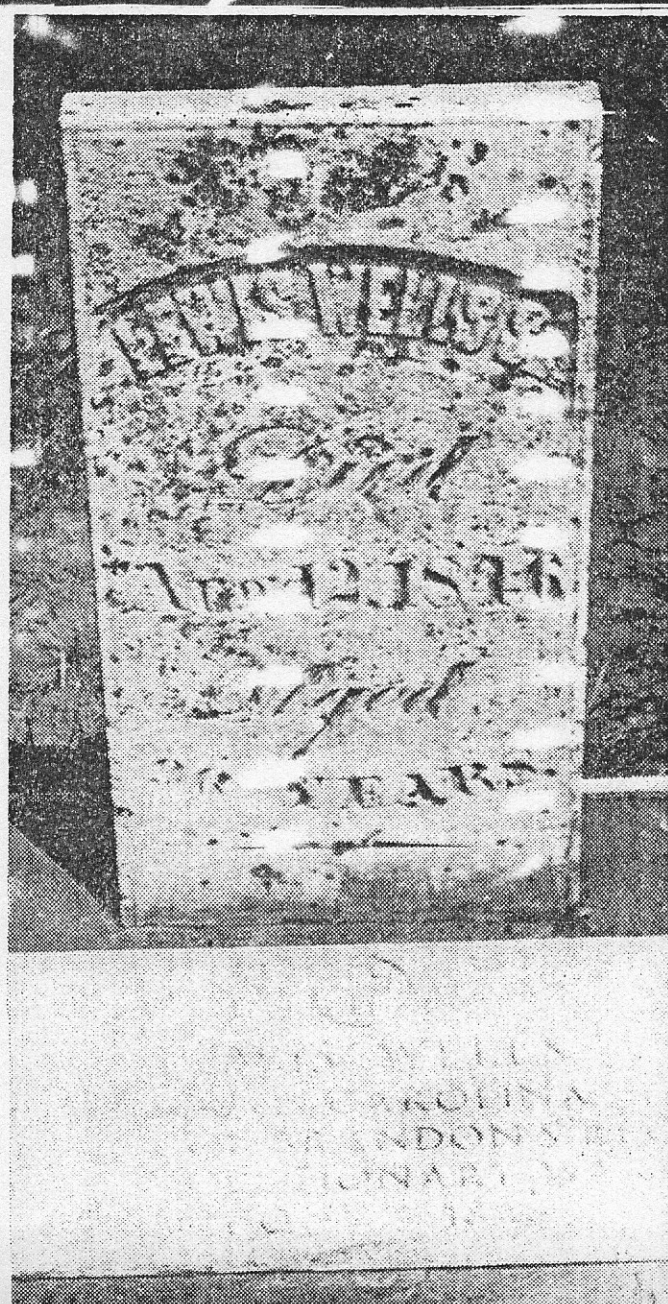
private, Ben Johnson, is believed to be buried in Jefferson County. Little is known of his history or family, except that he was certified for a pension in 1833 in Perry County.

There are 105 known cemeteries in Perry County according to Mrs. Spurgeon who has microfilmed a wealth of information regarding each.

But, the McElvain Cemetery, whose Revolutionary and Civil War markers still stand straight and readable amongst the more current monuments, seems to be by far the most historic and one in which the hours of browsing go by quickly.

DU QUOIN (ILL.) EVENING CALL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1975



The original marker which notes the death of Revolutionary War veteran Lewis Wells rises above a new marker placed there Tuesday by Jackson and Perry County historians. Lewis was born in 1750 in Edgefield County, South Carolina, and died in 1846. Call Photo



Mathilda Poiter and grandson Michael, 4, check map at grave of Pvt. Lewis Wells

Perry grave recalls Revolution

By H.B. Koplowitz
Of The Southern Illinoisan

Most Memorial Day observances honor soldiers who fought in World War I and II. But those who go to McElvain Cemetery five miles west of Du Quoin off Illinois 152 this weekend can also pay their respects to a man who not only fought for the United States but also helped make our country possible in the first place.

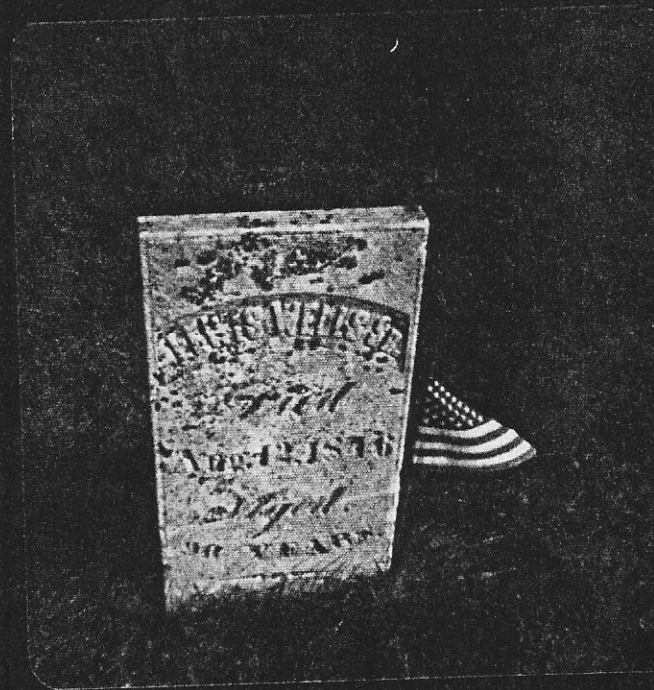
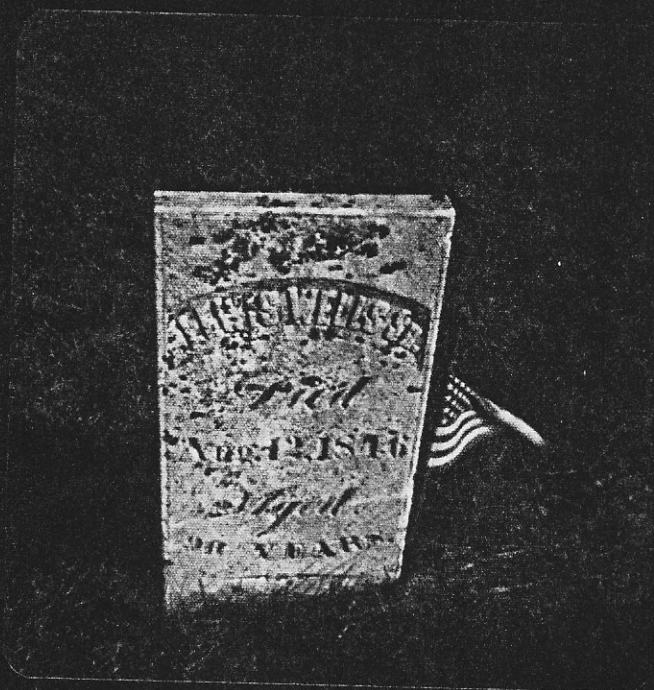
The man is Lewis Wells — the only Revolutionary War soldier known to be buried in Perry County. According to his grave marker, Wells fought in the regiment of a Pvt. Col. Brandon in South Carolina. He was born in 1750 and died 96 years later in 1846.

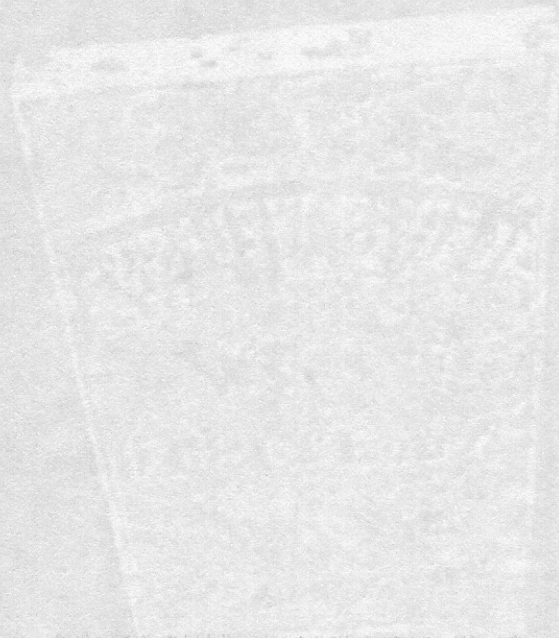
Wells and the graveyard in which he is buried might have been forgotten had it not been for the continuing efforts of a small group of Perry County residents who are attempting to raise enough capital to maintain the cemetery indefinitely. The cemetery was overgrown and threatened by surrounding strip mines when the group organized in 1975 to raise funds and renovate the site. They contacted relatives of those buried in the cemetery and held auctions and bake sales to raise money. The cemetery got some helpful publicity during the Bicentennial in 1976 when the state placed a new marker at Wells's grave.

One of the members of the McElvain Cemetery board, Mathilda Poiter (pronounced Porter) of Du Quoin, said the group has raised about \$15,000 which has been invested in high interest money market certificates. The hope is that enough money can be raised for the cemetery to be maintained off the interest.

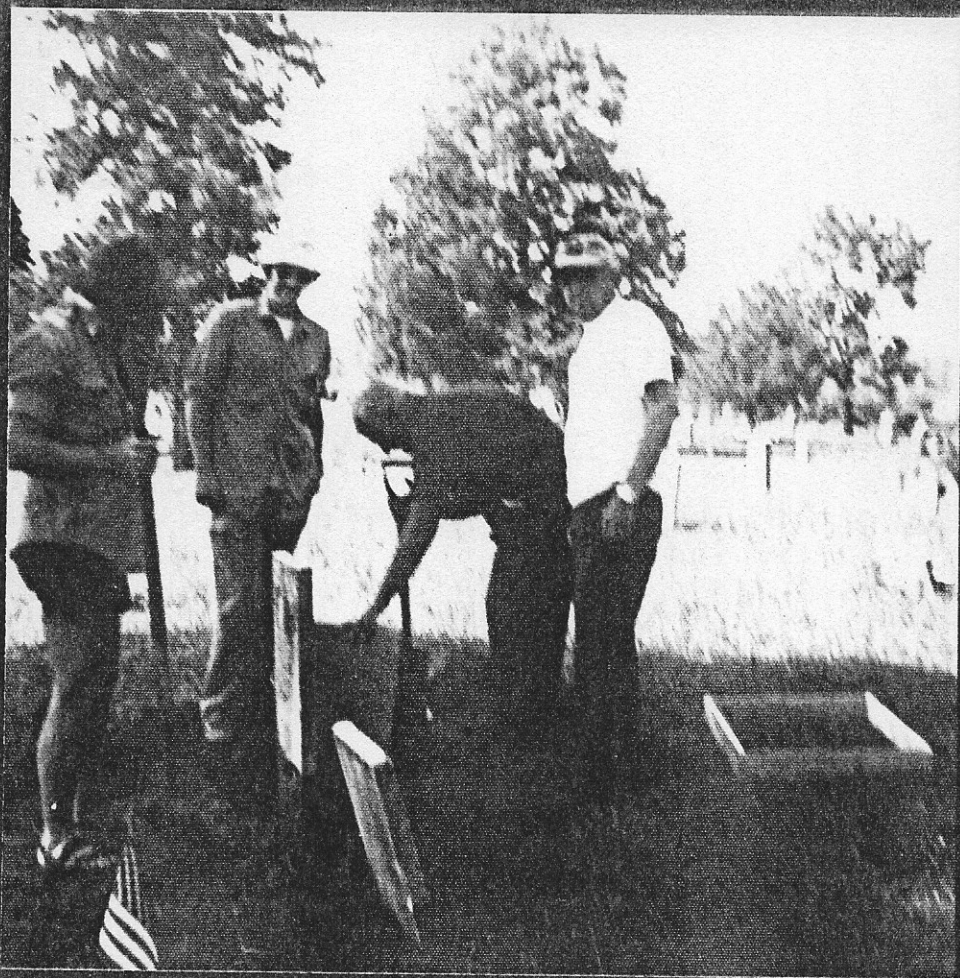
The cemetery board would like every family who has a relative buried in the cemetery to pay a one-time charge of \$100 for perpetual care. She said there are about 250 graves in the cemetery and about 70 of the graves have been paid for. There are a lot of Drys, Gills, Pyles, Vancils and Bowlins whose graves have not been paid for, she said, some because families are not aware their relatives are buried there.

The group has not gotten much help from Perry County, although the county owns the cemetery.











LEONARD LIPE

Leonard Lipe was born 5 June 1763 in Lincoln Co., N.Car., and died in Perry Co., Ill. 4 Apr 1848. He was living in Mecklenburg Co., N.Car. when he enlisted for ten months of service in the summer of 1781, serving with the N.Car. troops under Capt. Samuel Martin and Col. Wm. Polk. He was at the battle of Eutaw Springs.

Joining the westward movement after the war he came to Union and Jackson Counties, Ill. about 1818 or 1819, later to Perry Co., Illinois where the Circuit Court of this county declared him eligible for pension during their Sept 1832 term. His pension number is S32381 (NC). Illinois Pension Roll, 6 Jan 1834, shows him in Perry County aged seventy-one, and the pension census of same county on 1 June 1840 shows him here, aged seventy-seven.

His wife was Barbara Wentz who he married in No.Car. They were the parents of several children and left many descendants. Barbara Lipe died 18 Oct 1849 aged eighty-three years.

The DuQuoin Evening Call in their 1853-1953 Centennial Edition printed an article in which it was stated that Leonard Lipe, the Revolutionary soldier, was buried at McElvain, the same cemetery in which Lewis Wells Sr., another Revolutionary soldier, rests. I do not agree with this but believe him to have been buried first in ground next to his home in section 1, Twp. 6S, R2W of the 3rd PM, as in the year 1836 he and his wife, Barbara, deeded a plot of ground to the Deacons of the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Nine Mile.... "ground for a Meeting House and Interment Place for myself and neighbors" at this location.

It seems only logical, therefore, that since he lived here and calls it a place of interment for himself, that he was buried there and not at McElvain or the present day Nine Mile Cemetery some distance away in section 25, Twp 5S, R2W.

It might be said that he was living in the McElvain area when he died except that in 1843 Leonard and Barbary Lipe of Nine Mile, deeded to their son, Jacob Lipe, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 1, Twp. 6S, R2W, and mentioned doing this in their old age in return for Jacob's care of them.

The cemetery in section one was moved within the past ten or twelve years to a plot in the southwest corner of the Nine Mile Cemetery in section 25, T5S, R2W, where the old church still stands.

Before removal of these graves there were stones marking some of them, but they disappeared and there was nothing to mark the spot. The ground has since been stripped for coal. None of the graves were marked in any way in their new location.

Leonard Lipe's Revolutionary War Government stone was erected near other Lipes in the southeast part of the Nine Mile Cemetery in 1981, however, I am of the firm opinion that both he and Barbara were re-interred in the southwest corner with others.

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Ref: Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois.;
Blackwelder and Allied Families of N.C. and Illinois; Perry Co.,
Ill. Court and Deed Records; 1850 Mortality Schedule of Perry Co., Ill.
Personal knowledge.

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MORE NOTES RE REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN, LEONARD LIPE

Article re the placement of a stone on grave of Leonard Lipe, appeared 8 July ⁽¹⁹⁸¹⁾ in the DuQuoin Evening Call, DuQuoin, Illinois.

Leonard Lipe was listed as one of the charter members of the "Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Nine Mile" (p/268 McDonnough's History of Randolph, Monroe, and Perry Cos., Ill 1883). (His wife, Barbara Lipe, is not mentioned as being a charter member.)

Leonard Lipe Sr. had gotten his land in section 1, Twp. 6S, R2W, in Perry County, Ill. from the USA by Patent 17 Oct 1832, it being the NW NE in sec 1, T6S, R2W containing 38.90 acres.

Perry County Deed Record Vol. "B" page 506 reads in part as follows: "Leonard Lipe and Barbary Lipe, his wife, to Deacons of the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Nine Mile...for Meeting House and Interment Place for myself and neighbors, where the Nine Mile Meeting House now stands, it being a part of the NW NE of section 1, Twp. 6S, R2W, beginning at the SW corner of same, run East 28 poles, thence North 20 poles, thence West 28 poles, then South 20 poles to the beginning. Containing Three (3) Acres and 80 poles. Dated November 3rd 1836 according to acknowledgement."

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According to History of Baptist Church (McDonnough's p/268), the first church formed at the house of Peter Hagler on the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 1, T6S, R2W, had a serious division about 1833 and part of them withdrew and formed the Baptist Church of Paradise Prairie, and bears the name of "NINE MILE" which still continues (1883).

As to which of these two bodies is better entitled to the original name.....opinions differ.

About 1833 the members who withdrew from the church in sec 1, T6S, R2W erected another house of worship on the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 25, T5S, R2W. There is an old, frame, church building standing there in the grove today (1981) and a large cemetery surrounds it on ~~three~~ ^{two} sides. Consolidation Coal Company Mine #2 tipple and workings within a stones throw.

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If Leonard Lipe provided a "place of interment for myself and neighbors" in sec 1, T6S, R2W, and died in 1846, I just can't believe that he was taken several miles away from his home for burial.

It is a well known fact that there was an old cemetery here in sec 1, T6S, R2W where Leonard Lipe Sr. lived and there were tombstones in it as late as the 1960's and possibly much latter. However, the stones disappeared almost overnite. This was in the locality of "Cherry Lake".

Mr. Williams in his Blackwell-Weilander Book mentions on page 79 that some of the Quillmans and Lipes were buried here, and Pona Eaton told me about this place but failed to catalogue the stones before his death.

Perry County Deed Rcd. Vol "C" page 398 shows that Leonard Lipe and Barbary Lipe, his wife, of Nine Mile, deeded to Jacob Lipe, our son, for his care of us, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 1, T6S, R2W containing forty-two and 40/100ths acres (42&40/100acres). Dated 5 Sept 1843.

This is probably the reason there is no probate file for either Leonard Sr. or his wife, Barbara/y in Perry County Court as he, like many others, disposed of their property before death.

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The Consolidation Coal Company had graves moved from the old cemetery near Cherry Lake in sec 1, T6S, R2W and all were placed in the very southwest corner of the Nine Mile Cemetery in sec 25, T5S, R2W.

I cannot do other than believe that this is where the Lipe remains are and that the memorial stone was placed in the wrong part of the cemetery, which really doesn't make that much difference just as long as there is one.

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LIPE or BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST AT NINE MILE

NW NE sec 1, T6S, R2W, Perry Co., Ill.

LIPE, Leonard Born 5 June 1763 Died 4 APR 1848 in Perry Co., Ill.
Soldier of the American REVOLUTION. He deeded the
land here for a Meeting House and Interment Place
for MYSELF and neighbors on 3 Nov 1836. 3 acres
& 80 poles. See deed record "B" at page 506...
Perry Co. Recorder's Office.

LIPE, Barbara Born circa 1767 Died 18 Oct 1849 aged 83 years.
(See 1850 Ill. Mortality Schedule) Nee Barbara/
Barbary Wentz, she was the wife of Leonard Lipe.

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and Illinois.....

"Deed Book "B" page 506 dated 3 Nov 1836. The Lipes
sold land to Nine Mile Baptist Church, where several
of the Lipes and Quilmans are buried."

Rev. Williams, the author of the above book states that
he has visited here and seen these graves. The late Pona
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This cemetery removed to Nine Mile Baptist Cemetery in sec 25,
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The last time I visited the spot in the SW corner of the Nine
Mile Cemetery in sec 25, T5S, R2W where the Lipes and others were
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ashamed that such a plight should befall these early pioneers
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attempt, found a place in his speech. So did Illinois politicians from Abraham Lincoln to Bob Michel.

But Thompson, who said he expected to clear \$1 million in political campaign funds from the dinner at McCormick Place on the shores of Lake Michigan, got the lion's share of the presidential praise.

Reagan lauded Thompson as a prosecutor and as a supporter of Reagan economics.

"He brings to the office of governor that same integrity and competence, the qualities that build coalitions, the qualities that capture public support," Reagan said. "The qualities of a great leader ...

"I rely on his advice and counsel, and am grateful for his friendship," the president said as Thompson beamed amid a sea of red, white and blue linen, red white and blue balloons and red, white and blue jelly beans.

Reagan said Michel, a Peoria Republican, "has been the point man for our cause in the House of Representatives. Without his help, the victories we've won in the past few weeks would not have been possible."

Reagan said he spoke with

in the formation of the Illinois and national Republican parties in the 1850s.

He described a meeting in Bloomington at which Lincoln articulated the principles which underlay the party's philosophy.

"He gave the convention a rousing speech that was the tongue and voice of those present, a speech against slavery, but a speech about liberty and freedom. He told those present that if the safeguards of liberty are broken down for some, they are broken down for all ... He was telling why the Republican Party was being organized," Reagan said.

Thompson flew to Washington early Tuesday so he could fly back to Chicago with Reagan. Also on the plane were Agriculture Secretary John Block, a Knox County farmer and former state agriculture director, Joy Baker, wife of Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker and daughter of the late Illinois Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen, Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., and Reps. Henry Hyde, John Erlenborn, Ed Derwinski and John Porter.

and challenge to the governor to stay out of the race, and Lt. Gov. Dave O'Neal's expected announcement Thursday that he will resign his office.

The governor said he knows of no new developments in the transit funding situation, wants to see who else announces his candidacy before making any decisions about bottom-of-the-ticket races for 1982, and can't comment on O'Neal's plans even though O'Neal briefed him on them Monday.

Visitor Sues Marshall Browning Hospital for \$15,000

The Marshall Browning Hospital is being sued for \$15,000 by a Benton man who visited a patient on March 31, 1980 and slipped on a wet hallway floor.

Otis Braden contends in the suit filed this week in circuit court that the hospital exercised negligence in not posting proper warning signs.

Braden says he received physical damages in the amount of \$15,000.

Some money market rates, such as certificates of deposit, have come down but the federal funds rate that banks charge each other for overnight money has remained high.

Early today, this prime source of bank funds was trading at 18 3/4 to 19 percent, "down from the rarified 19-20 percent plus last week, but still artificially high relative to other rates," Jones said.

While Jones and some other economists said that based on the economy and on loan demand there should be some easing, it is likely to be gradual and will not come until there is some clear signal from the Fed.

Firemen Make False Alarm Run To Boys' Club

Du Quoin firemen are checking out an alarm system at the Du Quoin Boys' Club to determine why they were summoned at 12:50 p.m. today. Firemen arrived after an automatic alarm in the station sounded. No fire was found at the Boys' Club.

Revolutionary War Veteran Leonard Lipe

Great-Great-Great Grandfather Remembered With Cemetery Marker Near Pinckneyville

The grave of a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Perry County without a marker has recently been marked with a Veterans' Administration stone commemorating that service.

Leonard Lipe, a private in Col. Polk's Regiment of the North Carolina Militia is buried in the Cemetery of the Nine Mile Baptist Church east of Pinckneyville. The VA marker was obtained through the efforts of his great-great-grandson, Lt. Col. Emmet E. Cockrum, USAF-Ret. A Bronze Star memorial is affixed to the stone. The grave has been registered with the Sons of the American Revolutionary graves.

Leonard Lipe was born in 1764 in Lincoln County, North Carolina, a son of 'Pennsylvania Dutch' (German) parents whose ancestors had originally come from the Rhenish Palatinate near Heidelberg. The name had originally been spelled 'Leib.' Both Leonard and an older brother, Jonas Lipe (born 1760)

served in the North Carolina Militia during the revolution. Leonard's regiment was attached to the South Carolina line and served under Generals Sumter and Greene. At the Battle of Eutaw Springs, a British bullet passed through his hat. Jonas served with General Lincoln, and was involved in Lincoln's surrender at Camden, being paroled home until exchanged.

Returning home to Cabarrus County, N.C., Leonard married Barbara Wentz (born 1766) and they had a large family of children. Their eldest son, Jonas married his first cousin, Esther Lipe, daughter of the elder Jonas.

In 1820, Leonard and Barbara Lipe, accompanied by their children and grandchildren, migrated to Jackson County where they lived for about nine years. In 1829 they relocated to Nine Mile Prairie in Perry County with most of their children. Some of the family, however, remained in Jackson County.

Leonard Lipe's application for a pension as a Revolutionary veteran was approved September 28, 1832, at which time he lived at Nine Mile Prairie in Perry County.

Leonard Lipe was a charter member of the Nine Mile Baptist Church which was organized on 'Saturday before the third Sunday of June, 1829, at a little log house then standing on the west half SE quarter of Section 1, Twp 6 S. Range 2W in the home of Peter Hagler and wife, where there were gathered four brothers and four sisters of the Baptist faith.'

The land containing the meeting house and enough adjacent land to accommodate a large cemetery was deeded by Leonard and Barbara Lipe to the 'Baptist Church of Nine Mile' on Nov. 3, 1836. This deed is in the courthouse files in Pinckneyville.

Leonard and Barbara lived with their son Jacob in their last years, deeding their farm to him for this consideration.

Leonard died in 1846 at age 80, and Barbara in November 1849 at age 81. Leonard's stone has been erected in the southeast corner of Nine Mile Cemetery amid a cluster of old Lipe stones including children and grandchildren. The stones of son Jonas and his wife Esther are in the same area. The cemetery and the old Nine Mile Church are almost completely surrounded by a modern strip mine field, connected to the outside world only by an access road running past the mine tipples. The present modern Nine Mile Baptist Church stands on the highway a few miles away.

Present day descendants of Leonard and Barbara include not only a myriad of Lipes from Pinckneyville, Carbondale, Christopher and elsewhere, but also descendants of the name of Winthrop, Cockrum, Rainey, Walker, Teabeau, Grant, Craven, White, Eaton, Wallace, DeBlanc, and many others scattered across the nation.

Remembering old Leonard

Editor, Southern Illinoisan:

I have just read your article "Perry Grave Recalls Revolution" which is a commendable article — with one glaring error.

You state that the grave of one Lewis Wells (Pvt. S. C. Militia) is the only known Revolutionary War grave in Perry County. This is in error. In the Nine Mile Baptist Cemetery some miles east of Pinckneyville can be found the grave of Leonard Lipe, private of the South Carolina Line.

Leonard was born in Lincoln Co., N. C. in 1760 and lived the greater part of his life, before and after the Revolution, in North Carolina, in the area now known as Caberras County. He was recruited by South Carolina recruiters who operated freely across the line in North Carolina. He saw combat at the Battle of Eutaw Springs. He drew a Revolutionary pension in his old age.

The name Lipe (formerly Leib) is of Palatine (German) extraction, commonly called "Pennsylvania Dutch." In 1820 he led a caravan of settlers west to Jackson County, Illinois. This caravan was apparently exclusively of "Pennsylvania Dutch," including three or four generations of Lipes (Leonard was then 60), and the House (Haus) and Hoover (Huber) families — and others. Ten years later Leonard and most of his own tribe removed to Nine Mile Prairie in Perry County, where they had gained land. He and his wife, Barbara (Wentz) Lipe donated the ground where the Nine Mile Cemetery and the original church were located. Leonard and Barbara are the ancestors of all the Lipes presently living in Southern Illinois (some are in Carbondale) and of many others of many other names. He is my own great-great-grandfather, and some two years ago I was instrumental in securing the placing of a V.A. gravestone over the old veteran's grave. Leonard died in 1845 and Barbara sometime after that. I believe old Leonard is worthy of remembrance in the archives of Southern Illinois.

Emmett E. Cockrum

Creal Springs

6/4/82

Southern Illinoisan

Remembrance of Leonard

Editor, Southern Illinoisan:
I have just read your article
"Terry Grove: A Revolutionary
Site" in a recent issue -
with one glaring error.
You state that the grave of one
Leads Wells (not a C. Williams) is
the only known Revolutionary War
grave in Perry County. This is a
grave in the Hills Baptist
Cemetery some miles east of Lin-
colnville can be found the grave
of Leonard Lake, private in the
South Cemetery line.

Leonard was born in Jackson Co.,
N. C. in 1789 and died the year
1867 at his home east of the
township in North Carolina. In
the area now known as Cherokee
County. He was recorded by South
Carolina records as one of the
great across the line in North
Carolina. He was recorded at the
Battle of Shiloh Springs. He was a
Revolutionary soldier in his old
age.

The name Lake (formerly Lake)
is of Pottawatomie (Shawnee) extraction,
commonly called "Pottawatomie
Lake". It is said to be a name of
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covering the plaque of a V.A. name
stone over the old veteran's grave.
Leonard died in 1867 and his wife
remained until she died in 1890. I believe
Leonard is worthy of recognition
in the records of Southern Illinois.

Respectfully,
Lester L. Lake
4/4/70

Wednesday, July 15, 1981

Old soldier finally gets a headstone

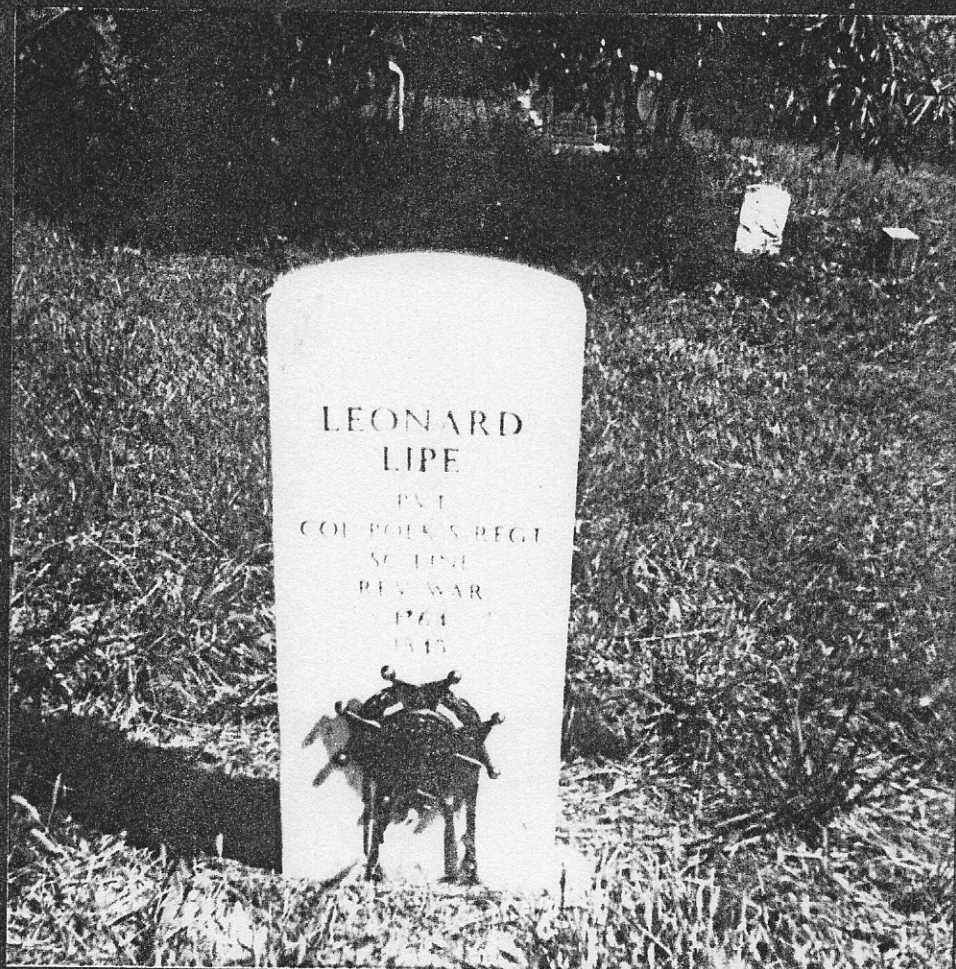
The Veteran's Administration recently placed a stone on the grave of a soldier who served in the Revolutionary War and was buried locally without a marker.

Leonard Lipe, a private in Colonel Polk's Regiment of North Carolina Militia, is buried in the cemetery of the Nine Mile Baptist Church east of Pinckneyville.

The V.A. marker was obtained through the efforts of Private Lipe's great-great-great-grandson, Lt. Colonel Emmett E. Cockrum, USAF-Ret. Private Lipe's stone has been erected in the southeast corner of the Nine Mile Cemetery amid a cluster of old Lipe stones, including children and grandchildren; a bronze Sons of the American Revolution memorial is affixed to the stone. The grave has been listed with the SAR register of Revolutionary graves.

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McDonnough's History of Randolph, Monroe, and Perry Cos., Il 1883.

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He was married to Susannah_____ and from Virginia he moved to Sumner County, Tennessee, and then to Perry County, Illinois. He was a Private who enlisted at Mecklenburg in 1779 and served six times; with Capt. Peter Bennett, and Capt. George Ferringot; Col. Wm. Moore; Col. Ambrose Ramsey; Col. Joseph Taylor, and Major Joel Lewis. He served both from North Carolina and South Carolina and was in the battle of Camden.

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JOHN BANES

John Banes was born about 1760 in the State of Virginia. He died 2 September 1840 and is buried in Perry County, Illinois. No grave or records of any kind found regarding this man here so any information we have is taken entirely from the Revolutionary Soldiers Pension Records and from Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois...which reads as follows:

He was married to Susannah _____ and from Virginia he moved to Sumner County, Tennessee, and then to Perry County, Illinois. He was a Private who enlisted at Mecklenburg in 1779 and served six times; with Capt. Peter Bennett, and Capt. George Vertin; Col. Wm. Moore; Col. Ambrose Ramsey; Col. Joseph Taylor, and Major Joel Lewis. He served both from North Carolina and South Carolina and was in the battle of Camden.

He was listed as a pensioner in Perry County, Illinois, in 1840- aged eighty years. His widow, Susannah, was a resident of Perry County, Illinois, when pension claim was rejected (Act 7 July 1838) as she was "Not a widow at time of Act." She died before 23rd Aug-
ust, 1842.

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1840 census of Perry County, Illinois. P/86

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No Females.

An odd family group agewise.

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